TORRANCE

Press Release
Police Department

Officer-Involved Shooting
Incident #070030400

On Thursday, May 10, 2007, at approximately 3:33 PM, Torrance officers responded to the report of a suspect using stolen credit card information at the Kohl's Department Store located at Crenshaw and PCH in Torrance. The officers were also advised the same suspect was wanted for committing the same crime at other Kohl's locations. As officers were responding, security personnel reported the suspect had left the location in a black Jeep with pink, paper plates.

Officers quickly located the vehicle traveling eastbound on Lomita from Crenshaw and a pursuit ensued. During the pursuit, the suspect hit other vehicles and drove into opposing traffic lanes. Pursuing officers lost sight of the vehicle near Plaza Del Amo and Denker, but began combing the area and found the vehicle abandoned at the dead-end of 227th Street east of Halldale at approximately 3:52 PM. Witnesses in the area began providing information that the lone suspect ran from the vehicle eastbound and was seen jumping fences into a commercial business area.

As officers moved eastward, they continued to receive additional information that led them to the 1200 block of 226th Street where an officer found the suspect hiding and an officer-involved shooting occurred.

The suspect was transported to County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he was treated for gunshot wounds. His injuries are not considered to be life-threatening.

The suspect, who has not yet been positively identified, was booked for burglary, forgery, felony evading, and hit and run.

As is common with officer-involved shooting incidents, Torrance investigators contacted the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Officer and members of their agency responded to take part in the investigation.

The investigation continues under the direction of Captain Marc Wilkins, Special Operations Bureau.

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